

A LOCAL STORY OF THRILLING INTEREST.
The Mystery of Central Park.
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WILL BEGIN IN TO-MORROW'S EVENING WORLD.

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LAST EDITION WHAT WILL KILL?

What Experts Do Not Know of the
Deadliness of Electricity.

Experience of the Dog Dash a Poser
to Mr. Brown's Supporters.

Mr. Gerry Angry Because He Was Not
Examined To-Day.

Assistant General Manager Francis W. Jones, of the Postal Telegraph Company, the expert whose interesting electrical experiments upon men were printed in THE WORLD a month ago, was cross-examined by Deputy Attorney-General Poste before Referee Becker in the Equitable Building to-day, in the investigation as to the practicability of electrical execution of condemned murderer Kemmler.

Somehow the death and resurrection of Dash Tupper, the dog, as related in THE EVENING WORLD, is proving an et cetera to the men who favor electrical executions.

"In your opinion," Mr. Poste asked, "what proportion of the current of that electrical light wire passed through the dog Dash, when he fell upon the wire in Eighth avenue?"

"It is my opinion that unless the dog Dash formed a connection with the ground, the current would have had no effect upon him more than comes to little birds when they alight on the telegraph wires. If he made the connection he would get the whole current."

"Suppose he lay on the wire till his body was turned as much deep as suppose he lay there in many minutes and was many hours unconscious thereafter. How much of the current did he receive?"

"It would be a wild guess on my part to say," replied Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones stated that by contact with the terminals of a continuous current from batteries of one or two ohms resistance to potentials of 350 volts, he had had holes burned in his hands and received a severe shock from finger-tip to finger-tip, but with no serious results.

His experiments had failed to determine the exact resistance of the body, the resistance varying with the size of the electrodes, the moisture of the points in contact, the condition of the subject and other elements.

He had concluded, by scientific deduction, that the human body was a non-conductor, like wood, brass, glass, etc., only in a varying degree, but a non-conductor when dry, and a poor one when moist; and the saline of the blood is the only conductor in the human anatomy.

The body is similar to a sponge—strong when moist and weak when dry—and the variation in the resistance of his twelve subjects could not be accounted for by the difference in the hair, weight, size, age, the amount of moisture used, nor the length of the non-stinging process.

The resistance was not only different in different persons, but was different in the same person under different conditions, and even when there was no apparent difference of condition.

"What, in your judgment, is the resistance of a man who is subjected to one volt, 1,470 to 10 volts, and 1,270 to 20 volts?" asked Mr. Poste.

"That is the only statement of his resistance which could be made without further test."

"Suppose you had used forty cells?" "I should look for a decrease of resistance, but in what ratio I could not state. I do not know how long the current would last, and the ratio of decrease would go on, but certainly not to infinity."

"I do not know how far the moisture of the sponge might differ in one hour, and the ratio of decrease would go on, but certainly not to infinity."

"You have never measured these high potentials of the human skull?" "I don't see how they could be made."

"They might be made on the skulls of corpses?" "I think not. The resistance might be quite different in a corpse from that of a live being."

Commodore Gerry was indignant that he had travelled eight hours to reach New York from Mar. Mar's Vineyard, only to have his examination postponed till to-morrow, and he declared that he had any knowledge that he would be wanted when he left for the Vineyard; but the hearing was adjourned till to-morrow in order that Bourke Cockran may set in his line in the steam nation of the father of the Electrical Execution law.

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